

Bella Vista Radio Club Meeting Agenda

May 2, 2024

1. **The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Jan Hagan, WB5JAN

2. **New Member and Guest Introductions** were presented by Tom Northfell, W5XNA

3. **President's Announcements** were presented by Jan, WB5JAN and they were as follows:

In April the Bella Vista Radio Club engaged in these activities:

- BVRC CW academy
- BVRC Solar Eclipse trip to Spadra Park in Clarksville
- BVRC "N5T" train mobile special event station trip to Van Buren
- BVRC Rookie roundup throughout Northwest Arkansas
- BVRC presentation at Concordia Retirement Community

Photos of the Eclipse and Train event were shared.

4. BVRC Business Meeting

A) Secretary's Report and Previous Minutes recorded by Dana Hill, W5DGH, were sent via email to the membership prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

B) Membership Report was given by Tom Northfell, W5XNA. We had 14 new members join in April. The current number of paid members is 248.

C) Treasurer Report was submitted by Marc Whittlesey, WØKYZ, and presented for discussion. No changes were made to the report. The report was as follows:

Previous Balance \$3,855.65 (from April/2024 report)

Dues Collected \$370.50

Total \$4,136.15

Arvest account \$1,777.12

PayPal account \$2,239.03

Petty Cash \$120.00

Current Balance \$4,136.15

D) VE Program Report was submitted by Don Cooper, KC7DC and presented to the club. The report was as follows:

This month we had 3 new Technicians and 4 upgrades. These were as follows:

Bradley Plummer – KO6EEU – Fremont, CA – New Technician

Jeremy Harp – KJ5FXG – Siloam Springs – New Technician

John Meenen – KJ5FVR – Gravette – New Technician

Mark Darter – KG5TOR – Centerton – Upgrade to General

Shaun Means – KE5LNQ – Lowell, AR – Upgrade to General

Duane Walker – WA1MCM – Van Buren, AR – Upgrade to Amateur Extra

Donald Wright – KFØDRZ – Fairview, MO – Upgrade to Amateur Extra

E) New Business

The following items were presented for a discussion and vote:

a) From Bill Durham, KG5ZCI - Provide the owner of Radio Shack with a certificate for many years service to the local amateur radio community as well as an honorary membership in BVRC. This initiative was approved unanimously.

b) From Tom Northfell, W5XNA - Send a letter of appreciation to Martin Jue K5FLU of MFJ Enterprises for giving hams the opportunity to purchase equipment at affordable prices. This initiative was approved unanimously.

5. Feature Club Presentation

Presenter: James Bennet - KA5DVS, presented on “3D Printing: Fundamentals and Applications to Ham Radio.”

6. Gear Exchange Announcement was made by Jan, WB5JAN

Announcement: For sale or trade items are located on the tables at the far right of the room throughout the evening for those looking “new to them” amateur radio equipment.

7. Club Door Prize Announcements were presented by Joe Hott, W5AEN.

Note: Amateur radio related door prizes are provided by club members from their personal collections to winning BVRC members and guest ticket holders.

8. Adjournment

The next BVRC Club meeting is:

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Respectfully submitted by Dana Hill, W5DGH – BVRC Secretary